

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
SOUTH BEND DIVISION

SCOTTIE R. EDWARDS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAUSE NO.: 3:18-CV-155-JD-MGG

JOYCE RHODES, WILLIAM MARTIN,
and MIAMI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
SUPERVISOR OF EDUCATION,

Defendants.

OPINION AND ORDER

The screening order entered on May 18, 2018, contains a scrivener's error on page three. The order mistakenly states Edwards may proceed against "Joyce Rhodes and William Martin in their *official* capacities for compensatory and punitive damages . . ." ECF 12 at 3 (emphasis added). It should have said *individual* capacities.

Edwards cannot proceed against Rhodes or Martin in their official capacities for compensatory damages because "a suit against a[n] official in his or her official capacity is not a suit against the official but rather is a suit against the official's office. As such, it is no different from a suit against the State itself." *Will v. Michigan Dep't of State Police*, 491 U.S. 58, 71 (1989) (citations omitted). The Eleventh Amendment precludes monetary claims against a State and its agencies. *Kashani v. Purdue University*, 813 F.2d. 843 (7th Cir. 1987).

However, Edwards can proceed against Rhodes and Martin in their individual capacities because "state officials, sued in their individual capacities, are 'persons'

